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PETITION

Sir

An Office Action was received on March 26, 2003 for the above-identified application. A response with a petition for an extension of time to file and appropriate fee was filed on September 24, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was the received, but a Request for Withdrawal of Holding Abandonment Based on Reply Timely Filed and Received in the Office But Not Correlated with the Application Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. L.181 was filed on May 24, 2004. On August 24, 2004 the Petition was Granted. According to the Decision on Patent, the abandonment was withdrawn, the application was to be returned to pending status and forwarded to the Technical Support Staff for entering of the Response dated September 24, 2003 and then forwarded to the examiner for prompt consideration (see attached copy of Decision).

More than two years have now passed since the Decision on Patent was issued. As of the present date, the application is still listed in the Private PAIRS system as being abandoned for failure to file a timely response. The examiner does not have the case on her docket. Six written requests for status of the application have been submitted and several telephonic requests have been made to the Office. However, the status of the application is unknown.

Thus, applicant respectfully seeks the assistance of the Commissioner to move this application back to pending status, to have the application forwarded to the Technical Support Staff for entering of the Response dated September 24, 2003 and then to have the application forwarded to the examiner for prompt consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of:

X.D. Hu : DECISION ON Serial No. 09/851,177 : PETITION

Filed: May 08, 2001

For: HIGH SURFACE AREA, SMALL CRYSTALLITE SIZE CATALYST

FOR FISCHER-TROPRSCH SYNTHESIS:

This is a response to the REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING ABANDONMENT BASED ON REPLY TIMELY FILED AND RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE BUT NOT CORRELATED WITH THE APPLICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.181, filed May 24, 2004. The requester asks that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of November 18, 2003, for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter dated May 26, 2003 be withdrawn. The requester asserts that applicants timely filed a proper response and Petition for Extension of Time on September 24, 2003.

DECISION

The instant request is accepted as a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee).

A review of the petitioner's evidence provided with the instant petition indicates that the request has merit. The evidence presented is sufficient to establish that the applicants did file the proper response to the Office letter of May 26, 2003 in a timely manner. The evidence provided includes: 1) copies of the Response (Exhibit A) to the Office letter dated May 26, 2003 and a Petition for three months Extension of Time with payment by credit card of \$930.00 (Exhibit B) with Certificates of Facsimile Transmission thereon certifying that the Response and Petition for Extension of Time were timely transmitted to the USPTO on September 24, 2003; and 2) a copy of the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission



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Report confirming receipt of the Response and Petition for Extension of Time dated September 24, 2003 with a Certificate of Transmission by Facsimile.

Therefore, the abandonment is hereby withdrawn, and the application is returned to pending status. The application will be forwarded to the Technical Support Staff for entering of the Response dated September 24, 2003 and then forwarded to the examiner for prompt consideration.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

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